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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claim 10 has been amended and claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject contained therein. Claims 10-19 are pending and under consideration.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snell USPN 6,249,705 in view of Bowman-Amuah USPN 6,332,163. Claims 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ji et al. 5,623,600 in view of Snell USPN 6,249,705.

None of the referenced prior art documents, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a storage device located at the gateway server arrangement, wherein the IMD programming unit executes programmable instructions, and wherein a portion of the programmable instructions executed by the IMD programming unit are stored in the storage device, as set forth in independent claim 10. Therefore, independent claim 10 and claims 11-19 dependent thereon are patentably distinguishable from the prior art documents. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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II. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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